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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington Idaho—
Showers, followed by fair.
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Oregon, Idaho—Fair.

CAMPAIGN SLUSH.

Anent the Democratic campaign text book, the most notable illustration of blatherkiteism extant, Chairman Sherman of the congressional committee has this to say: "It is from beginning to end a confession of poverty—poverty of ideas, poverty of issues, poverty of performance. About 200 of its 243 pages are consumed in a recital of ancient history—dead and buried issues—and might well bear the headlines: 'Graveyard Epitaphs. A single allusion only is made to the work of the Fifty-ninth congress. Not a word of commendation for the pure food law, or the free alcohol law, or the employers' liability law, or the meat inspection provision. From beginning to end the book is one long tirade against protection to American labor and American industries and against progress and prosperity, reaching the profound conclusion:

"That the present 'boom' will be followed by a panic is only a question of time"—presumably the time when the Democrats get into power.

ADAMANTINE FACTS.

Facts are stubborn things and we frequently use figures to interpret them. It is declared that in the United States \$1,450,000,000 are spent annually for intoxicating liquors; \$920,000,000 for tobacco; \$520,000,000 for bread, including all the different kinds of breakfast foods; \$232,000,000 for education in all our schools, colleges and universities, state and church, including the values of all property; \$165,000,000 for all religious work, including the value of all church property; \$18,000,000 for all missionary work; and less than one million for temperance. This means that \$2,370,000,000 is spent annually to destroy the physical body; \$520,000,000 to feed it. Four and one-half times more for liquors and tobacco than for bread; nine and one-half times more than for education; nearly fifteen times more than for religious work; 2,370 times more than for temperance; five and seven-tenths times more to destroy character than to build up intellect, and save the soul. Ponder these things.—Ex.

WORLD MOVING FORCE.

That is a romantic story which comes from Bridgeport, Connecticut, relative to the marriage of Johann Schiott, formerly an officer in the Norwegian navy, then a sailor and subsequently a chauffeur, to Miss May Esther Bedford, daughter of a multi-millionaire Standard Oil man, again verifies the old adage, "Love conquers all." Mr. Schiott was a lieutenant in the Norwegian navy when two years ago he came to the United States on leave of absence. While attending a concert by his brother, Christian Schiott, a distinguished pianist in Brooklyn, the lieutenant met Miss Bedford. Having called at the Bedford home a few times, he went back to Norway and resigned his commission in the navy. Mr. Bedford and his family went to their summer home at Green Farm six miles from Bridgeport, early this summer to remain until late in the fall. Mr. Schiott went to Bridgeport and obtained a position

as mechanic and chauffeur in a garage at small pay; but this did not appear to matter much to him; he wanted to be near Miss Bedford, and he was satisfied. While devoted to the young woman, the former lieutenant did not neglect his work and in a short time so pleased his employers that he was appointed secretary of the company. Considerable opposition was offered by Miss Bedford's parents, but they finally gave in with the result as above stated. Miss Bedford is a blond, very pretty and as plucky as she is pretty.

Copper is said to be a marvelous preventative of disease, and if we would return to the old copper drinking vessels of our forefathers, typhoid epidemics would disappear. In China, where cholera often makes its appearance, certain towns are immune, and it is at these places where the drinking water is kept in huge copper vessels, which are said to be very beautiful. If a copper cent is examined under a microscope it will be found free of germs, but gold and silver are a wriggling, contorting mass of germs, diphtheria and cholera culture spread on a copper cent will die in a couple of hours.

The man who says he believes in competition either lies or talks much like those individuals who are given to prevarication. No man wants competition in business—he wants a monopoly. He will do anything possible to crush out competition and have a monopoly. This applies to little business men the same as to the great trusts. We have known those who prate about competition being a good thing, to rent a building and hold it vacant for a year to keep out a competitor.

A few years ago a man with a million dollars was supposed to have reached almost the acme of wealth. Today the Wall Street Journal estimates that the wealth of the six richest men in America aggregates \$1,000,000,000 or as much as ten hundred single millionaires would possess. Looks like the rich are getting richer, all right, whether the poor are getting poorer or not.

If we could all get the use of the money in the United States treasury without interest like the Wall Street bankers, there would probably not be so much said about "the public being out of Wall Street." Without the use of the public money the frenzied financiers would be in hard straits and the whole fabric of speculation would tumble in an hour.

The first record of coal is about 300 years before the Christian era. Coal was used for fuel in Europe as early as 852.

Put this question to yourself: What kind of a place would this old world be if everybody in it were just like me?

Chicago's swing bridge over the Chicago river has a movable part 275 feet long, each leaf of which weighs 2,000,000 pounds.

Land sakes! How we did admire such Cubans as Maceo and the other patriots when they were fighting Spain. But now it's different.

A Michigan Indian has married a copper-colored belle of the name of Mary Kick-a-hole-in-the-sky. No, she was not a footlight favorite.

The German emperor who recently added a Spanish uniform to his stock of clothes, has the biggest wardrobe of any sovereign in the world.

Trousers in their present shape were introduced into the British army in 1813 and tolerated as a legitimate portion of evening dress in 1816.

Sir Oliver Lodge says the sun will be cold in 20,000,000 years from now.

The old-fashioned, bloody kind of football is to be played at Yale this year.

The German emperor will drink no other coffee than that grown in Mexico.

If wishes were automobiles the demand for gasoline would exceed the supply.

The Salvation army will soon invade automobile, as an adjunct of its efforts in England.

The Salvation army will soon invade Russia, the Czar having ceased his opposition to it.

Some say that city girls are poor, ignorant things. Some of them cannot tell a horse from a cow, but they do know that Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is one of the greatest beautifiers known. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

THOUSANDS PERISH

Typhoon Wrecks Vessels and Public Property.

WARNING PASSED UNNOTICED

Life and Money Decimated by Storm Without Parallel in History of the Oriental Exporting Metropolis.

HONG KONG, Oct. 10. — Ten thousand lives blotted out, forty-seven steamers and sailing vessels wrecked or badly damaged, over a thousand junks swamped, turned over or battered to pieces against the stone walls of the Praya, 80 per cent of the lighters, launches yachts, houseboats and small native craft entirely destroyed, many wharves wrecked, many damaged, was the result of a typhoon lasting but two at Hongkong on September 18, according to advices brought by the steamer Empress of Japan, one of the few vessels to escape the holocaust, which arrived yesterday. The Empress of Japan but a day before gave place at the Kowloon Company's wharf, to the steamer Chang sha, which was entirely wrecked at the dock. Kowloon sustained the heaviest losses, but all sections of Hongkong and the Hinterland suffered.

There were 24 Europeans among those killed; others were Chinese, mostly of the boat and junk population. These usually ran for shelter when the warning gun was fired but on the morning of the storm the signal was fired at 8:10 and at 8:30 the typhoon was at its height. The junk men scurried for shelter, colliding with each other, cutting down yachts, house boats, etc., striving through the driving rain to reach Causeway Bay. Thousands were soon thrown into the sea, lashed to a fury, with waves 20 and 30 feet high. The wind cleft the junks around and sent them skirling and twisting to be dashed to pieces against the praya, where hundreds of junks and sampans were dashed to matchwood and the mangled bodies of the crews dashed against the stone walls within sight of those on shore powerless to lend aid. The storm ceased as quickly as it began. The sun shone on scenes of unparalleled destruction at Hongkong. This typhoon exceeded all others experienced there in severity.

Hundreds of Chinese gathered on the sea front wailing, hundreds of newly made widows wept bitterly, and many stood stolidly looking on as Chinese usually do. Hundreds of bodies were swept on shore and the work of carrying them away by the cart loads to impromptu morgues began at once, corpses being photographed in groups of eight and tagged for identification.

Hundreds of mangled bodies were piled among the debris and the scenes were stunning. It was evident soon after the storm began that the shipping would not ride it out and vessel after vessel dragged, swerved and was driven on shore, some being piled right among the stately buildings which line Hongkong's waterfront. The C. P. R. steamer Montague, which drove ashore at Kowloon, broke the French gunboats Froude and Francisque adrift and both were driven ashore, the latter being a total wreck and five of her officers drowned. The steamers Kwong Chow and Albatross both foundered with all hands, each vessel having only a white master and engineer. The loss of life on the larger craft, however, was not as great, the junk men contributing the larger bulk of the dead. The identified European dead are:

BISHOP J. C. HOARE, bishop of Hongkong, whose junk capsized when he was bound on a preaching voyage to a Kowloon fishing village; Mr. W. F. Donaldson, wife and two children, who were on the steamer Kwong Chong; Mr. Patrick and Chief Engineer Wallace of the steamer Albatross; Captain Mead and Chief Engineer Morgan of the Kwong Chou, and Captain Mayfield and Chief Engineer G. Williamson, of the steamer Hongkong.

A list of the steamers sunk, ashore, or damaged follows:

Sunk—Steamers San Cheong, Apenrade, Sorsogan, Kwong Chow, Albatross, Perseverance.

Ashore—Steamers Montague (afterward refloated), Heingshan, Kinshan, Changsha, Fatshan, Wingshai, Takling, Kongmoon, Sunonan, H. M. S. Phoenix, H. M. S. Rosario, French gunboats Froude and Francisque, Joanne, Seasta, Signal, Petrarich, Emma, Luiken and American ship Hotchkiss, this vessel being right on the seawall near the torpedo depot.

IN THE CITY THEATERS.

GEO. ADE'S MASTERPIECE.

Notwithstanding that there are quite numerous good things that have become staple favorites in the amusement menu within the last year, there is one that stands pre-eminently among the successes, and that is George Ade's delightful "College Widow," which is announced for the Astoria Theater on the night of October 21. The demand for this typical American comedy this sea-



PATTY ALLISON.

as "Flora Wiggins" in "The College Widow."

son is so great, that some cities have been necessarily slighted in the itinerary arranged by Manager Henry W. Savage, so that this city is fortunate in being located on the line of travel chosen for Mr. Savage's fine organization—a company which, by the way, is said to have been selected with greater care than any Mr. Savage has yet sent us.

"THE CONVICT'S DAUGHTER."

A powerful melodrama abounding in startling sensations, beautiful scenery and a strong acting company, constitute the main characteristics of "The Convict's Daughter." The author has made the central figure that of a tramp—an escaped convict—innocent, but unjustly sentenced for another man's crime, that of murder. He finally escapes from prison and becomes a tramp, or "Weary Willie," as he is now termed. Col. Gould's confidential bookkeeper, who is a villain at heart,



discovers his identity and by threatening to send him back to prison, compels him to become an unwilling accomplice to his villainous scheme of winning the hand, or ruining, Col. Gould's beautiful adopted daughter.

It is a powerful, sensational play, but pure in thought, action and language. Every lover of good melodrama should avail himself of the opportunity to see this great play and production at the Astoria theater.

AT THE STAR THEATER.

"The World" drew another crowded house last night. It is a great play, one of the very best of its class, and is presented in an admirable manner. Special scenery is used in the production and the mechanical effects are novel, intricate and realistic. The players all enter into the spirit of their respective characters, and all are deserving of the highest praise.

The placing on sale of reserved seats at the box-office of the theater during the day is proving a great accommodation to the patrons of the house, the box-office being open from 2 to 4 p. m.

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE

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